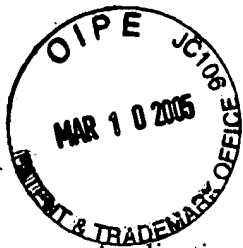


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

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